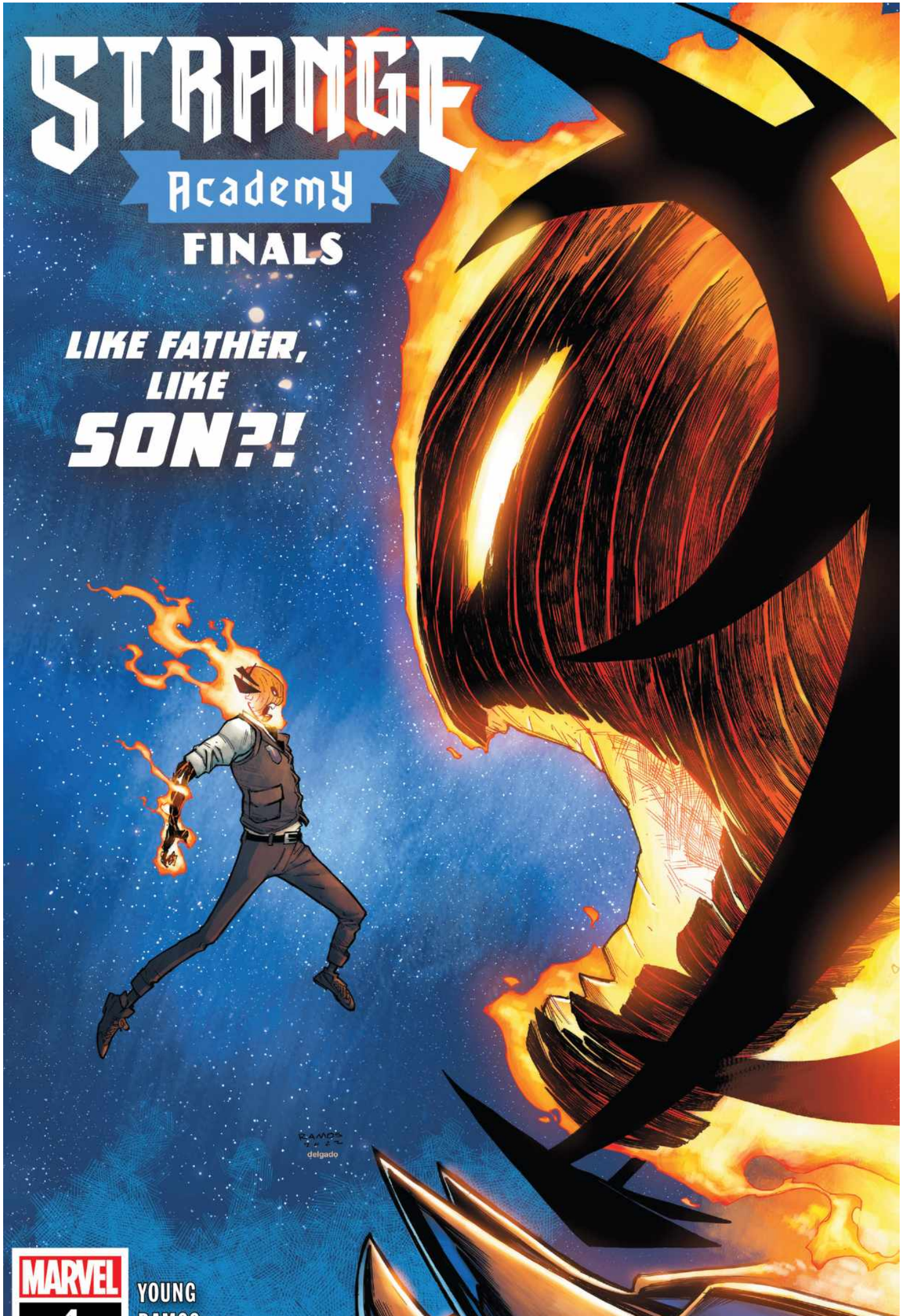
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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON?!
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CARLOS PACHECO
1961-2022

"My friend Carlos Pacheco was a sweetheart of a guy who loved comics, the Marvel comics that he read as a child most of all. He brought an enthusiasm to his work that went beyond the drive of the professional — he was truly invested in the characters and their fictitious lives. His work combined the dynamics of John Byrne with the realism of Neal Adams, creating a synthesis that captured the essence of American super hero comics — a form that was exotic to Carlos as he first read the translated stories but which he absorbed and came to embody like a native. A citizen of Spain, the Marvel Universe was his true home."

— TOM BREVOORT

"Carlos was a dream collaborator who made every story better with his ideas, his brilliant storytelling and his beautiful art. But more, he was warmhearted, enthusiastic and a wonderful person. I was thrilled to work with him but happier still to have him as a friend. He will be enormously missed."

— KURT BUSIEK

STRANGE Academy

Welcome to Strange Academy, where the best and brightest young sorcerers are trained by the greatest magic users in the realm!

One problem--after feeling betrayed by the faculty, most of the students ran away, led by student EMILY BRIGHT. Only a few stayed at the Academy, like DOYLE DORMAMMU. Emily led the rebellious students all the way to the Dark Dimension, and little by little, all but a few students escaped back to Strange Academy as Emily's plans got more and more dangerous. Two who stayed with Emily are Asgardian twin IRIC BRORSON and DESSY, who has reacted poorly to the Dark Dimension, growing darker and darker each day she spends there.

They might want to rethink their decision as Emily has enlisted a new ally--Doyle's father...THE DREAD DORMAMMU.

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DOYLE

SHAYLEE

EMILY

TOTH

GUS

IRIC

GERMÁN

ALVI

DESSY

ZOE

CALVIN

THE FRENCH QUARTER.
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

THANK YOU!
charm

SORRY. EXCUSE ME.
I'M JUST RUNNING A LITTLE LATE.
BEHIND YOU!

START TIMES FOR CLASSES ARE NOT *SUGGESTIONS*, MS. MOONPEDDLE.

I KNOW, I KNOW! SORRY, PROFESSOR ANCIENT ONE!

--AND THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER IF YOU WISH NOT TO DIE.
SORRY I'M LATE!
NICE OF YOU TO JOIN US, SHAYLEE. WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT HOW A DEMON-SMELTED HELMET IS CRUCIAL TO SURVIVING TODAY'S LIMBO 204 FINAL EXAM.
YUP. SORRY! SO SORRY! I TOTALLY SPACED AND FORGOT TO PICK MINE UP AND REMEMBERED THIS MORNING RIGHT BEFORE I PLANNED ON LEAVING FOR CLASS SO I HAD TO RUSH OUT TO ZEKE'S CHARMS & ANCIENT ARMORY BEFORE--
YES, WE'RE ALL VERY INTERESTED IN THE MINUTE-BY-MINUTE BREAKDOWN OF YOUR MORNING ERRANDS, BUT WE DO HAVE A TEST TO GET TO.
PUT YOUR PENCILS DOWN AND CLOSE YOUR TEXTBOOKS. YOU'LL HAVE EXACTLY ONE HOUR TO...

...SURVIVE LIMBO!

THE STORM IS ALMOST HERE.
IT'LL BE ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS.
WHAT KIND OF MAGIC ALLOWS YOU TO SEE THE SEVERITY OF THE COMING STORM?
IT'S THE SECRET MYSTIC ART OF THE *i-OF THE STORM* APP. IT'S QUITE POWERFUL.
VERY FUNNY.

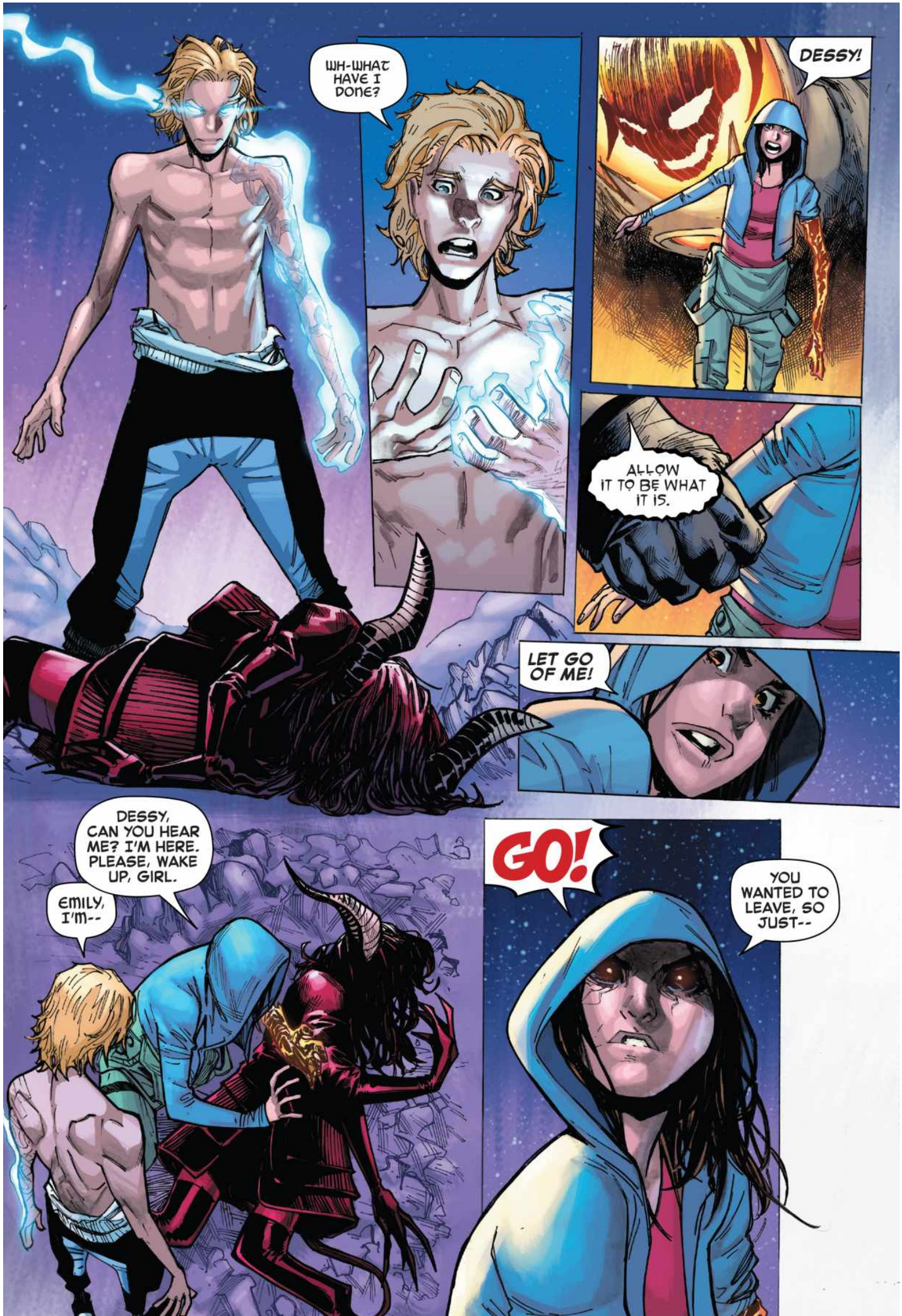
MY APOLOGIES. I COULDN'T RESIST.
DAD JOKES ASIDE, WILL THIS BE AS BAD AS THEY'RE SAYING?
YES, IT WILL. WHICH IS WHY I'D LIKE TO SWITCH THE FOCUS OF THE STUDENT-TEACHER ALLIANCE MEETING'S AGENDA FROM COMMENCEMENT PREP TO--
--COMMUNITY SERVICE.
THE STUDENTS HAVE ACTUALLY ALREADY TEXTED A WHOLE PLAN TO HELP THE CITY.
YOU MAY BE FROM HERE, DOCTOR, BUT NEW ORLEANS IS HOME TO ALL OF US NOW.
I'M PROUD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT, DOYLE. I'M PROUD OF ALL OF YOU.
I'LL SPEAK WITH THE MAYOR AND ASK HER WHERE WE WILL BE OF THE MOST HELP.
MEANWHILE,

"...THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY."
THAT'S WHEN WE'LL ATTACK. THEY'LL BE TOO BUSY BEGGING FOR APPROVAL FROM VOODOO TO REALIZE WE'RE THERE. WHEN THEY DO, IT WILL BE TOO LATE.
YOU ARE QUITE THE SURPRISE, EMILY BRIGHT. I CAN SEE WHAT MY SON SAW IN YOU. IT'S TOO BAD HE'S NOT AROUND TO SEE WHAT YOU'RE FULLY BECOMING.
AND WHAT IS THAT, EXACTLY? ONE OF DORMAMMU'S LACKEYS?
I THOUGHT WE WERE TAKING DOWN STRANGE ACADEMY TO SHOW VOODOO AND THE STAFF THAT THEY CAN'T USE US ANYMORE.
THAT IS WHAT WE'RE DOING.
IS IT? BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU WANT TO TEACH THEM THAT LESSON BY KILLING OUR FRIENDS.
I DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN MYSELF TO YOU, IRIC.

I THOUGHT DOYLE WAS THE ONE MAKING THE MISTAKE BY NOT SIDING WITH US. I CAN SEE NOW THAT HE'S THE LUCKY ONE.
I JUST WISH I COULD'VE SEEN WHAT HE SAW SO CLEARLY. YOU AREN'T THE HERO...
...YOU'RE A VILLAIN.
GAARGHH!
DESSY, NO! JUST LET HIM--
STOP--SHE'S DOING WHAT YOU NEED HER TO DO.

YOU WILL LEARN TO NEVER DISRESPECT HER AGAIN!
SHRLP!
KLASH
NO, YOU'RE ABOUT TO LEARN...
...WHY YOU LIVE IN THE UNDERWORLD...
...AND I LIVE AMONG THE GODS!
RRRRRRR--

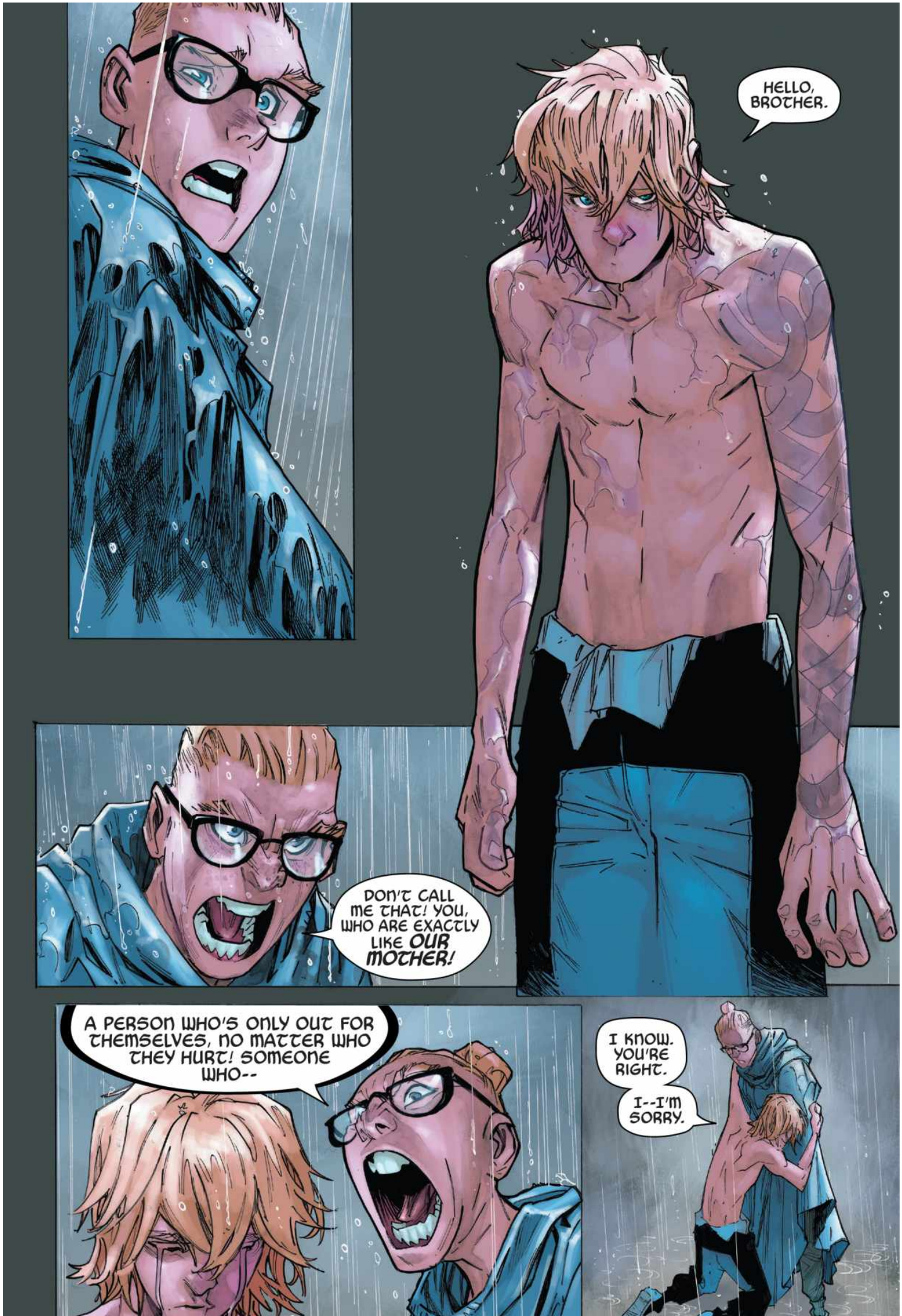
RRAAAHHH!
THAT WAS YOUR SHOT, DESSY...
...YOU WON'T BE GETTING ANOTHER ONE!

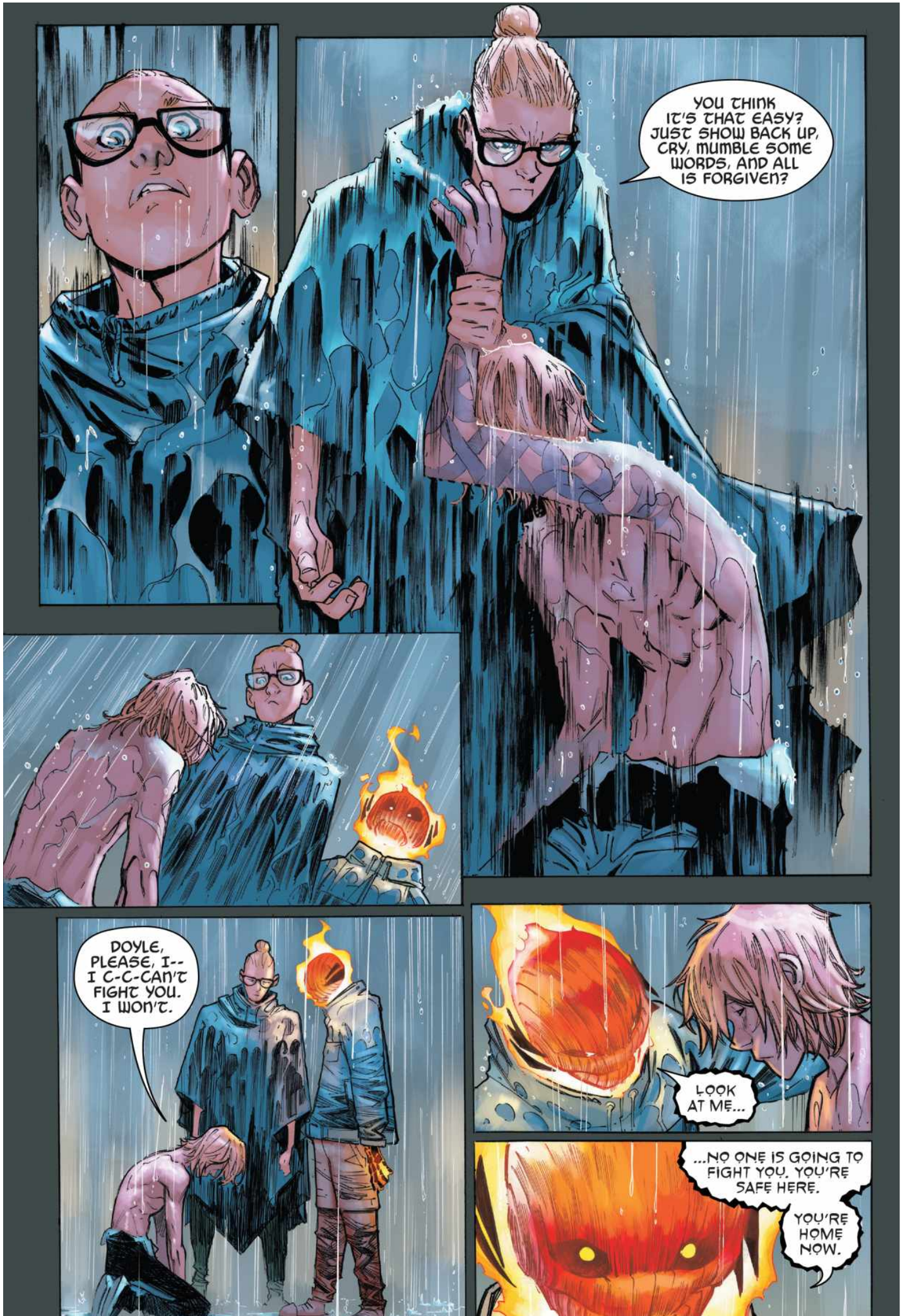

WH-WHAT HAVE I DONE?
DESSY!
ALLOW IT TO BE WHAT IT IS.
LET GO OF ME!
DESSY, CAN YOU HEAR ME? I'M HERE. PLEASE, WAKE UP, GIRL.
EMILY, I'M--
GO!
YOU WANTED TO LEAVE, SO JUST--

--GET OUT! BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF THE STORM. IT'S GOING TO GET A WHOLE LOT WORSE!
NO WAY, MAN. I AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE. THIS IS MY HOME. OUR HOME!
IT'S OURS NOW TOO.
WE'RE HERE TO HELP IF YOU'LL ALLOW US.
UHHHH... S-S-SURE.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM, YOUNG'N?
OH, SORRY, MISTER, BUT TOTH DOESN'T SPEAK. AT LEAST, NOT IN A WAY YOU'D UNDERSTAND.
TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION THOUGH, HE'S FROM A PLACE CALLED WEIRD-WORLD. I KNOW, WEIRD, RIGHT?
WELL, IT GETS WEIRDER. HIS MOM IS A CRYSTAL QUEEN, AND HIS DAD IS A GIANT MAN-TH--
YOU KNOW, I'D PREFER TO NOT SAY THAT OUT LOUD. LET'S JUST MOVE ON.
YEAH, SURE. WE CAN DO THAT.
THANKS, GUS!
CAN WE GET THIS BIG BOY SOME MORE SANDBAGS?

HERE YOU GO, MA'AM. THERE'S FOOD, BLANKETS, AND SOME BEDS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. I CAN'T PROMISE THE FOOD'S GREAT, BUT YOU WILL STAY DRY UNTIL THE STORM PASSES.
THANK YOU, SIR.
WATER
WHERE'RE YOUR PARENTS, LITTLE ONE?
I DUNNO. THEY LEFT A LONG TIME AGO. THEY TOLD ME NOT TO TALK TO STRANGERS WHILE THEY WERE GONE.
AH, I SEE. THAT'S SMART.
LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF. I'M ALVI BRORSON, AND I'M FROM A VERY SPECIAL PLACE CALLED ASGARD. A PLACE WHERE WE VOW TO USE OUR POWERS TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED.
THIS BRACELET IS FROM MY WORLD, AND WHOEVER WEARS IT ALSO HAS THE POWER TO HELP OTHERS. WHAT DO YOU SAY? WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ME ON MY MISSION TO HELP ALL THESE PEOPLE?
REALLY?
FOR SURE! IN FACT, YOU CAN GET STARTED RIGHT AWAY.
THIS NICE WOMAN'S NAME IS ZELMA, AND SHE'S A LITTLE NERVOUS TO GO TO THE SHELTER ALL BY HERSELF.
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD ESCORT HER AND SHARE A MEAL WITH HER? YOU KNOW, SO SHE DOESN'T FEEL SO ALONE?
YES, SIR.
FOR AS RIGID AS YOU CAN BE, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN GREAT WITH KIDS. JUST LIKE FATHER.


HELLO, BROTHER.
DON'T CALL ME THAT! YOU, WHO ARE EXACTLY LIKE OUR MOTHER!
A PERSON WHO'S ONLY OUT FOR THEMSELVES, NO MATTER WHO THEY HURT! SOMEONE WHO--
I KNOW. YOU'RE RIGHT.
I--I'M SORRY.


YOU THINK IT'S THAT EASY? JUST SHOW BACK UP, CRY, MUMBLE SOME WORDS, AND ALL IS FORGIVEN?
DOYLE, PLEASE, I-- I C-C-CAN'T FIGHT YOU. I WON'T.
LOOK AT ME...
...NO ONE IS GOING TO FIGHT YOU. YOU'RE SAFE HERE.
YOU'RE HOME NOW.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
I'M SORRY FOR EVERYTHING. FOR HOW I'VE ALWAYS TREATED YOU. FOR--
WHENEVER YOU TWO ARE DONE WITH THIS AFTER-SCHOOL-SPECIAL MOMENT...
...THERE'S THE WHOLE "HELP NEW ORLEANS SURVIVE THE STORM OF THE CENTURY" THING WE NEED TO GET BACK TO.
AND, IRIC, CAN YOU PLEASE FIND A SHIRT? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE TRYING OUT FOR A ROMANCE-NOVEL-COVER GIG.
MAYBE I AM! JEALOUS?
OH YES, VERY.
I'M GOING TO CHECK ON THE FOOD SITUATION.
OKAY! I'LL TAKE IRIC TO THE LEVY. I KNOW THEY

THANKS, MAN.
LISTEN, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KNOW.
YOU'VE ALREADY SAID YOU'RE SORRY.
NO, IT'S NOT THAT. IT'S EMILY. SHE'S COMING FOR YOU ALL...US ALL.
WE KNOW THAT. WE'RE READY WHEN SHE DOES.
NO, YOU'RE NOT.
"EMILY WAS ONE OF THE STRONGEST SORCERERS HERE AT STRANGE ACADEMY...
"...BUT SHE'S GROWN SO MUCH MORE POWERFUL SINCE SHE LEFT THE CONFINES OF THE SCHOOL.
"AS IF THAT'S NOT BAD ENOUGH, THE WORST PART IS...

"...SHE'S NOT ALONE."
MY DAD?
I'M AFRAID SO. BUT IT'S NOT JUST THEM...
"...IT'S AN ARMY."

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Office of Student Wellness

In anticipation of the anxiety that comes with exams, Strange Academy will be hosting several events to help distressed students.

- **MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION:** Led by Wong in the courtyard every afternoon after the final bell.
- **THERAPY:** Asking for help has never been easier than in the 21st century, but some of the best therapists are long dead. Doctor Voodoo can summon the spirits of some of the leading psychiatrists and psychologists from throughout history to help you through any stress or anxiety.
- **RENT-A-HATCHLING:** Snuggle and play with a brood of baby dragons.
- **AROMA THERAPY:** Join Man-Thing in the greenhouse to enjoy the soothing sights and smells of magical flora.
- **ASTRAL STUDY ROOMS:** Let your astral form do some studying for you while your physical form rests! The Ancient One will lead you in this ultimate form of multitasking.
- **EXTREME MULTIDIMENSIONAL PAINTBALL:** If you need a more physical outlet for your anxiety, take a paintball break in a variety of magical terrains.

Remember that your mental health is as important as your physical health. If you are struggling with either, please do not hesitate to reach out to a faculty member.

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